

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH STATIONS

Executive decree signed at Panama August 29, 1914
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DECREE NO. 130 OF 1914, BY WHICH AN AUTHORIZATION IS CEDED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE CONTROL OF RADIOTELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION

[TRANSLATION]

The President of the Republic, in the exercise of his legal powers, and considering:

That by the terms of the Bunau Varilla-Hay treaty¹ the Republic of Panama is obliged to assist the United States by all necessary and suitable measures for the conservation, protection, and defense of the interoceanic canal constructed across the Isthmus;

That the said Government considers it indispensable to this end that it shall assume from now on permanent and complete control of the wireless telegraphic stations, fixed and movable, in all the territory and territorial waters of the Republic of Panama; and

That it is to the interest and for the safety of the Republic of Panama that wireless communication be controlled and regulated by the Nation which by a solemn pact has guaranteed its independence;

It is decreed: From this date the radiotelegraphic stations fixed and movable and everything relating to wireless communications in the territory and territorial waters of Panama shall be under the complete and permanent control of the United States of America; and to attain that end said Government will take the measures which it deems necessary.

Let it be communicated and published.

Done at Panama this 29th day of August, 1914.

BELISARIO PORRAS

The Secretary of Government and Justice,
JUAN B. SOSA.

¹ Treaty signed at Washington Nov. 18, 1903 (TS 431, *ante*, p. 663).